

## **June 29, 2015 CCA Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Vicki Pappas, David Carter, Dr. Lisa Connolly, Kimberly Dailey Johnson, Nick Philbeck, Rachel Roby, Susan Russ, Daniel McMullen and Linda Crawford.

Guest: Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams

Staff: Michael Shermis

Michael reported the receipt of \$800 from Indiana Humanities Council and an expenditure of \$168 for t-shirts for the ADA celebration; balance is \$5,416.31.

**Media:** No media was shared.

**Guest Presentation:** Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams, Prevention Specialist with Indiana Coalition against Domestic Violence, presented information on a state piloted project based in Bloomington that is utilizing community collaboration to increase social inclusion and support. Cierra explained that there is a 70-90% likelihood of intellectually disabled and physically disadvantaged individuals to become victims of domestic abuse. Cierra described a risk factor as anything that jeopardizes physical, mental or emotional health of a person such as violence, injury, isolation or exclusion.

Cierra explained the Coalition is working with fifteen self-advocates from Stone Belt ARC. In addition, there are professionals from agencies that provide services to clients within a wide range of ages. Objectives of this project include looking at where the clients are presently excluded and finding paths to wider inclusion within the community. In September, mapping clients with their exclusion sites and looking for solutions will be addressed. Possible solutions include altering bus routes, rewriting "The Guide to Ride" from the perspective of a self-advocate and utilizing Monroe County Public Library's desire to change their environmental design.

Cierra hopes that this study will result in an increased inclusion of this segment of the population.

**Reports from the City:** Michael reported that Katie has a rough draft of the required By-laws. Much discussion among Council members is anticipated in the upcoming months.

**New Concerns:** It was noted that accessibility at the Taste of Bloomington was hampered by lack of access to curb cuts. It was suggested that Southside Rental and the Bloomington Arts Council be informed of this oversight so that it is avoided at future events.

**Report from Chair:** In Katie's absence, David announced that a representative from IU Disability Service will speak at the September CCA meeting. Council members gave approval for inviting someone from AgeWise Design to speak on home modifications. Michael reported that the Special Needs Registry is not fully integrated into the First Responders' system and it will take 2-6 months for completion of technological needs.

Barbara McKinney will continue to update the registry with phone calls and other means of communication.

John Dickinson's retirement from Indiana ARC and David Magnum's retirement from Indiana Institute on Disability were announced.

Dr. Connolly moved, Nick seconded to affirm the decision made by the Executive Council to accept the budget for the 25<sup>th</sup> ADA Celebration. All in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

A. Accessibility Committee: Vicki reported that the Accessibility Committee has decided upon a procedure for those businesses that do not respond to letters sent by Barbara McKinney or the CCA. A second letter will be sent that informs the business that the committee cannot award a decal at the present time and asks that the business notify the committee when the corrections are made. After notification, the committee will resurvey the business. Fifteen businesses will be honored at the ADA Celebration; those businesses will be notified and invited to attend the celebration. In August, the committee plans to reevaluate the surveying instrument. With the result of David's training sessions preparing several excellent surveyors, the Accessibility Committee has been able to complete surveys in a timely fashion.

B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan reported that the Activities and Events Committee has received \$800 from the Indiana Humanities Council and will receive the remaining \$200 upon completion of the event when a final account of expenditures is completed. Susan broke down the expenses for the Council: \$164—lunch for planners, \$300—musicians' fees for 3 hours, \$175—120 cupcakes from Owlery, \$168—t-shirts, \$150—decorations, \$43—water, snacks, etc. for community partners.

Susan explained that the 8 challenge partners have submitted their challenges. Challenge participants will be given a scorecard. Those completing at least four of the challenges will receive a cupcake. Those completing all eight challenges will have their names entered for door prize.

The Indiana Humanities banner as well as the CCA banner will be displayed.

Social media is being utilized to get information out to the public and the press release is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Susan asked Council members to email her or Michael if they could help at the Celebration by counting participants, taking pictures, distributing scorecards and explaining the participation procedure, collecting scorecards and awarding prizes as well as setting up, or cleaning up afterwards. In case of rain, the Atrium will be utilized and a tent will be provided for the musicians. Presentation of decals will take place at 11:30.

**Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements:** It was suggested that a local or regional person speak at the October Awards Ceremony. One

possibility is David Mank who would be asked to speak on employing people with disabilities.

Dr. Connolly reported that it has been found that 56% of student dropouts of institutions of higher learning do so because of problems associated with homelessness, hunger, failure to meet everyday expenses, etc. Therefore, Ivy Tech is establishing twelve outreach days throughout the year that provide students with information on where to get services, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford

Secretary